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SUBJECT: AID TO INDOCHINA

REF: A) STATE 60350; B) COPENHAGEN P234 (NOTAL)

1. DENMARK HAS, OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS, PROVIDED HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIETNAM, FOR MOST PART, SPLITTING ITS RELATIVELY MODEST DONATIONS EQUALLY AMONG NORTH VIETNAM, SOUTH VIETNAM AND PRG. DANES HAVE STAYED CLEAR OF LAOS AND AVOIDED ANY NEW COMMITMENTS TO CAMBODIA. INDOCHINA AID HAS BEEN POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUE AND DANISH GOVERNMENT IS THEREFORE APPROACHING
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NEW SITUATION WITH GREAT CAUTION.

2. AS INDICATED REF B, DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON \$12 MILLION CONTRIBUTION (GRANT AND LOAN) TO SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM AND HAS JUNKED ONE- THIRD FORMULA IN FAVOR OF DISTRIBUTION " ACCORDING TO NEED". GIVEN CONFUSED SITUATION IN VIETNAM AND CONTINUING POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES AT HOME (REAL OR IMAGINED), DANES HOPE SOME FORM OF NEUTRAL RPT NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM WILL BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH WHICH THEY CAN FUNNEL THE MAJOR PART OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND AVOID DIRECT DECISION- MAKING ON ITS DISTRIBUTION. THEY WOULD PREFER A UN FRAMEWORK, WITH OR WITHOUT EC COORDINATION.

3. WE KNOW THAT THE DANISH RED CROSS HAS HAD DIRECT CONVERSATIONS IN HANOI ON A SPECIAL DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO NORTH VIETNAM (SEE REF B) AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE DANISH RED CROSS DIRECTOR HAS DISCUSSED NORTH VIETNAMESE ONGOING NEEDS WITH DANISH GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, NO INDICATION THAT ANY DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON POST- WAR AID TO NORTH VIETNAM.

4. IN LIGHT OF THIS BACKGROUND, DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY HESITATE AT THIS TIME IN RESPONDING TO A GVN INVITATION FOR A MEETING OF PROSPECTIVE AID DONORS, SINCE, FOR REASONS CITED, THEY WOULD PREFER MORE NEUTRAL HOST. MUCH HINGES, HOWEVER, ON DEGREE OF PROGRESS MADE, OR ANTICIPATED, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN MUCH MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA, BUT CANNOT BE CERTAIN WITHOUT CHECKING (WHICH WE HAVE NOT DONE AS PER INSTRUCTIONS).

5. ON OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE DANES WOULD WELCOME UNPUBLICIZED APPROACH BY USG, OR EVEN GVN, INDICATING WHERE MAJOR NEEDS LIE AND PROVIDING SUGGESTIONS ON AREAS IN WHICH DANES MIGHT WISH TO CONCENTRATE EFFORT. IN THIS REGARD, THE DANES, IN ADDITION TO EC CONSULTATIONS, CAN BE EXPECTED TO COORDINATE THEIR AID WITH OTHER NORDICS.
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